AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please **AMEND** the specification as follows. Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following paragraph:

[0021]   ~~Additional~~ Additionally, the invention provides for the use of a load leveler (or a server pool balancer) to manage processing workload which provides a stable and flexible processing environment and makes more efficient use of information technology (IT) resources (and permits segregation of development work from production work and allows priority for production work, as necessary), and data is manipulated once for each photo tool used by the layers being ordered. For multi part number masks, data may be processed as it is received, and the kerf may be processed when the first chip part number data is received reducing turn around time for the masks. Attenuated phase shift masks may be made with just one run through the system as opposed to multiple runs providing faster cycle times.

Additionally, please replace paragraph [0041] with the following paragraph:

[0041]   The process may include a series of Java software programs (or the like) that perform the tasks needed to build and manipulate the kerf design files. This may include providing a main method at step 500 that acts as a master program that invokes all the necessary functions (e.g., 505, 515, or 530) as needed. At step 505, another Java program ~~505~~ is called that gathers all necessary data and invokes the kerf design build utility (e.g., at step 225). At step 510, a kerf design file is produced (e.g., kerf GL1) and made available to other process steps.